All those ideas, about fear and crime, drugs, and violence, and abandoned housing, immediately, **sets of images in your minds, and they are about needs and deficiencies.**

It's like a map implanted in people's heads; this is a community needs map. It's a map not of geography, **but of images; not of place, but of ideas.**

It's all about crime; child abuse, the mental disable, the poor, we mission work, This is the map -- this community needs **map readers ~~"Men Working To Raise Standards for Christ now; not in the future"~~;**

First, my problem with this map; is not that it's false--it is a true map; but; that it's not the whole truth, and it's taken; as if ; it **IS the whole truth.**

This is the proverbial glass that is half full and half empty. This glass is exactly like everybody in this room.

(RAISE GLASS)

Every person in this room is filled with resources, skills. capacities, and knowledge-- with gifts, if you will.

But, also, every person in this room is also a little empty, we all have some problems in our lives, we all have some needs, we fall short in some ways; we've got deficiencies.

We're both, it's the way we were created. We're **ALL** that way. What's clear to me, though, is that if we're serious about ~~**"Working To Raise Standards For Christ in the future"**~~ **WE have to figure out which part of this glass we focus on.**

Raise Glass